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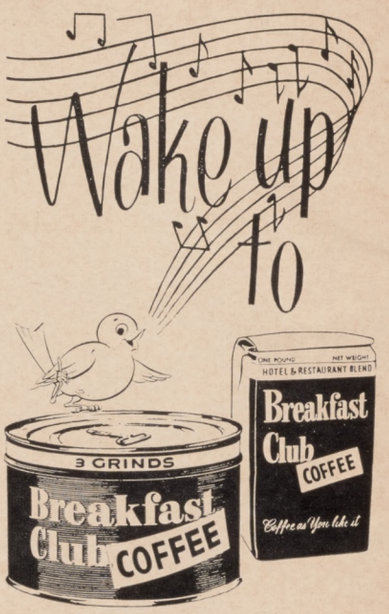

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17—FORMAL OPENING DINNER DANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18—FASHION SHOW—Club Dining Room and Terrace—Courtesy Isabel Belyea's "Clothes Horse"

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22—TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY FAMILY DINNER—Continuous service 12 noon to 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — SPORTS SHOW — POOLSIDE 3 P.M. GOLF TOURNAMENT—Mixed 2 ball foursome—Tee-Time 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 — ARTHUR MURRAY DANCE PARTY — 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 & 2 — HUSBAND AND WIFE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14—YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15—WELCOME PARTY FOR "THE TODDS"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY —3 p.m. Main Club House

WEEKLY

MONDAY—Women's Golf 9 a.m.—Monthly Luncheon at Noon December 3

TUESDAY—CLUB CLOSED

WEDNESDAY—Bridge and Canasta Luncheon—Indio Room 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAYS—Dinner Bridge—Every Other Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. starting November 1

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ON THE COVER

Photographically this interesting southward looking shot of the club pool is one of Bob Johnson's best lens efforts. The lacy fingers of the pepper tree branches add just the right framing detail. Lack of the usual number of swimmers and sun worshippers about the premises is easily explained by the fact that it was taken in late August when the club was closed and the thermometer wide open. Suggested title for this scene: "The Pool with the Fringe on Top."

Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce President, Hal Kapp, gets a briefing from Club Manager Ernie Boudreau on the new breezeway corridor that leads to the now completed cocktail lounge.

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Informal Opening

This year Saturday October 20 was the date the Informal Opening Party at Shadow Mountain Club heralded the opening of the ninth year of operation. As in the past, this was one of the best of many get-togethers for members and guests that are part of a winter on the desert. On this page we present a few table and bar-side shots of the more than 400 who thronged the main dining room and new cocktail lounge.

In the maining dining room, and reading in the usual order, Mr. A. H. Coffin of Palm Desert and Los Angeles, Mrs. Spencer T. Honig who claims the same dual residency, Robert Davis of Palm Springs, Mrs. Wm. P. Seals, Palm Desert, Spencer T. Honig, Mrs. Robert Davis, Dr. Seals and Mrs. A. H. Coffin.

Above—Looking over the new cocktail lounge between dances, Clarence Bosworth, Juanita Paul, Juanita Bosworth, Edith Eddy Ward and C. J. Bledsoe.

Below: All Palm Desert group that includes the Dr. Alexanders, Harry Cannons and Earl Rutz'.

Eastman Kodak executive Edmund J. Schaefer, Vera Arnold, Isabel Belyea, and Mrs. Schaefer. The Schaefer's, residents of San Marino, list Shadow Mountain Club and Palm Desert at the top of their winter week end relaxation schedule.

Neal and Helen Chadbourne propose a toast to the new season and receive hearty endorsement from a group that includes the Stew Trumbles and Don Hamiltons.

TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS PLAN HEAVY SCHEDULE

Once again a flurry of activity can be seen down in the direction of the tennis courts. Crisp nights and balmy days have joined to bring the players out of hibernation and into action. In the center of all this action is our capable and charming pro Magda Rurac. Magda has lost no time and has already started a Ladies Tennis Clinic which meets on Monday and Friday mornings. She also has a Childrens Clinic on Wednesday afternoon, and of course private lessons by appointment. If you are a beginner or just need some brushing up and you haven't met this terrific gal we urge you to get over as soon as possible.

The tournament situation for the year has not been definitely established at this date but the Tennis Committee has been working and has worked out this tentative schedule. Starting off the season on December 1 and 2 there will be a Mr. and Mrs., Mixed Doubles, Round Robin Tournament. As it has for the past two years the Shadow Mountain Club Invitational Tournament will take place in February and will be followed in March by the Members Championship Doubles Matches and April will be the month for the Members Singles Matches.

The windup will be in late May with the Mixed Doubles Tournament. All in all it looks like a very busy season and with all the new players Tennis is certainly becoming one of the major activities at Shadow Mountain. How about another court?

JUDO CLASSES FOR MEN — WOMEN — BOYS

This season Shadow Mountain Club hopes to once again offer its members something a little different by trying to resume the Judo classes that were started late last year. Our instructor and fellow member Milt Page has indicated that the time that is most convenient for the majority of those who are interested will be the decisive factor in establishing this class and also that special emphasis will be placed on any phase that the class members find most useful or enjoyable. We are hoping to have a Men's session on Saturday mornings at 9:30. A boys class will be set up to follow this but not until later in the season so as not to conflict with Lou Keuhner's Tumbling Class.

Any women or girls who are interested should contact either Lou Kuehner or Milt Page and if there are enough we can teach you to "fly through the air with the greatest of ease" along with the best of them.

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Kuehner's Korner

The Tots, Teens and Post-Teens of Shadow Mountain Club
By LOU KUEHNER

We're kicking up sand all over Palm Desert, since we've started our winter program at Shadow Mountain Club. So many big things indicate that this season is going to be a banner year for SMC.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

We've expanded our youth program this season. There are now the following four age groups:

Shadows—Children 4-7 years meets every Saturday from 12 noon 'til 2 p.m. Session consists of games, songs, dramatics, crafts and luncheon for 75c.

Tri-Ds—Children 8-10 years or up to and including 5th grade. Meets every other Friday from 5-7 p.m. Dinner at $1.25. On alternate Saturdays the group enjoys treks to the mountains, fishing etc.

Pre-Teens — Young Folks 11-13 years or up to and including 8th grade. Meets every other Friday from 5-7 p.m. Dinner at $1.25. Group plans to have big special part each month in addition to regular meetings.

Teen-agers—High School and College, folks. Plans are tentative at this point. However, this group will have use of the Snack Bar and possibly a Juke Box for weekly or monthly get-to-gethers. Also plan special Christmas and Easter dinner dances.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Life-Saving Class—This is open to boys and girls from 12 years and up at all times. Class meets every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Red Cross certification may be achieved through the course. Betty Crockett, W.S.I., is the instructor.

Tumbling — Such an interest has been shown in this activity that we've been compelled to organize two classes. Both groups are meeting on Thursdays —the 4-7 year olds from 2:30-3:30 p.m., the 8-13 year olds from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The only requirement for membership in the class is a real desire to want to learn to do stunts and tumbling. Betty Crockett and Lou Kuehner are the instructors.

Slim and Trim—This year the Slim and Trim Group is meeting every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. As the season progresses, the group may wish to meet more than once weekly. Come join the group and have fun with exercise and sports activity. Course runs 10 weeks for $10.00.

NOTE: Big Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 3:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES

SAT., NOV. 17—Judo (men)—9:30 a.m.
Shadows (4-7 yrs.)—12-2 p.m.

SUN., NOV. 18—Fashion Show—2:30 p.m.

MON., NOV. 19—Ladies Golf—8:30 a.m.
Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Life-saving (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic—4:00 p.m.

WED., NOV. 21—Bridge & Canasta Luncheon 12:15 p.m.
Life-saving class (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.

THURS., NOV., 22—THANKSGIVING
No Slim and Trim
No Tumbling

FRI., NOV., 23—Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Pree-teens (11-13)—5-7 p.m.

SAT., NOV. 24—Judo (men)—9:30 a.m.
Shadows (4-7 yrs.)—12-2 p.m.
Trek (8-13 yrs.)—3-6 p.m.

SUN., NOV. 25—Golf—mixed 2-Ball Foursome 2 p.m.
Sports show—3 p.m.

MON., NOV. 26—Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Ladies Golf—Blood & Thunder Tournament
Life-saving (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic—4:00 p.m.

WED., NOV. 28—Bridge & Canasta Luncheon 12.15 p.m.
Life-saving class (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.

THURS., NOV. 29—Slim and Trim—9:30 a.m.
Tumbling (4-7)—2:30 p.m.
Tumbling (8-13)—3:30 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic 4:00 p.m.

FRI., NOV. 30—Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Tri-Ds (8-10 yrs.)—5-7 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 1—Judo (men)—9:30 a.m.
Shadows (4-7 yrs.)—12-2 p.m.
Tennis Tournament
(Husband-Wife Round Robin)

MON., DEC. 3—Ladies Golf—8:30 a.m.
Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Life-saving (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.
Golf Luncheon (Ladies)

WED., DEC. 5—Bridge and Canasta Luncheon 12:15 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic—4:00 p.m.
Life-saving class (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.

THURS., DEC. 6—Slim and Trim—9:30 a.m.
Tumbling (4-7)—2:30 p.m.
Tumbling (8-13)—3:30 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic—4:00 p.m.

FRI., DEC 7—Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Pre-teens (11-13)—5-7 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 8—Judo (men)—9:30 a.m.
Shadows (4-7 yrs.)—12-2 p.m.
Trek (8-13 yrs.)—3-6 p.m.

MON., DEC. 10—Ladies Golf—8:30 a.m.
Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Life-saving (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic—4:00 p.m.

WED. DEC. 12—Bridge & Canasta Luncheon 12:15 p.m.
Children's Tennis Clinic—4:00 p.m.
Life-saving class (12 plus)—4:30-6 p.m.

THURS., DEC. 13—Slim & Trim—9:30 a.m.
Tumbling (4-7)—2:30 p.m.
Tumbling (8-13)—3:30 p.m.

FRI., DEC. 14—Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.
Tri-Ds (8-10 yrs.)—5-7 p.m.

SAT., DEC. 15—Judo (men)—9:30 a.m.
Shadows (4-7 yrs.)—12-2 p.m.

SUN., DEC. 16—Sports Show—3:00 p.m.
Tri-Ds (8-10 yrs.)—5-7 p.m.
Ladies Tennis Clinic—9:00 a.m.

MEET BETTY CROCKETT

She's not Davy's sister — she's famous in her own right — she's Betty Crockett, our swimming instructor at Shadow Mountain Club, whose personality is as sparkling as the water in her swimming pool kingdom.

This young lady came to Shadow Mountain Club last spring, was on deck during the summer, and is currently performing aqua-miracles with the youngsters at the Club.

Betty worked for two years as swim instructor for the Los Angeles City Recreation Department before coming to Shadow Mountain Club. Before that time she did her share of collecting badges and trophies in West Coast A.A.U. competition.

Versatility is the word to describe Betty. Her hobbies include oil painting, skin diving and collecting records for her Hi Fi set. In addition to her swimming program she will be helping many of the children's club groups such as Tri Ds, Shadows, etc.

If you haven't had the pleasure, come and meet Betty. It's a privilege to have her on our staff.

SHADOW MOUNTAIN TEEN-TATTLE

By NANCY ARNOLD

Here I am again with news of the college activities of SMC kids and the local happenings.

A bit of news from our collegiate department is that Marcy Schill is a cheer leader at Chaffey Junior College. And that she really "loves" college! I hear that Chris Birely is really having a ball at Stanford, from exams to parties.

Jeannette Ackman of San Marino and Palm Desert is now attending the University of Arizona at Tucson. Jeannette has been elected vice president of her pledge group of Kappa Alpha Theta. Congratulations Jeannette!

Tab Hunter was also seen lounging around SMC He seemed to be very busy having his picture taken with some of our fair damsels. Joanie Torrance and Florette Le Bow will now have some wonderful pictures for their scrapbook.

"Tennis anyone?" was Lynn Smiths' question this weekend as she visited the club from UCR where she is a freshman.

Dick and Jim Blocher were down for the weekend from Cal Poly. The club seems to be a popular hangout for the college kids.

Pat Quinn, Florette Le Bow, Robbie Claiborne, and yours truly were on hand to help with the kids' Hallowe'en party.

Pat seemed to enjoy the Spook House, while Florette favored the apple bobbing.

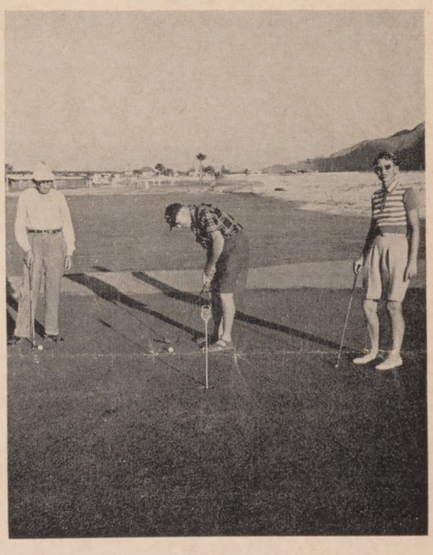
Well, enough news for this time. I think I will now take a cooling dip in the fabulous SMC figure eight pool— SPLASH! ! !

P.S. Berk Mero was also seen around the club recently. He is enrolled as a sophomore at Carlsbad Military Academy. We salute you Berk!

LET'S TALK TURKEY

The months roll by and before you know it here it is Thanksgiving time again. One of the oldest among our national holidays falls on November 22 this year and Shadow Mountain Club will again offer its members the traditional Thanksgiving menu of Turkey plus all the trimmings, opening the dining room for continuing service from noon until 9 p.m.

Manager Ernie Boudreau joins with Maitre d' Frank Constant in urging early reservations. Larger parties may make special arrangements through Frank for a complete Turkey prepared specially for their group.



This shot should give you an idea of the excellent condition of the putting green at the driving range. J. B. Schutz, left, and Jean Damerel wait for Gil Cornelius to miss this five footer. Mrs. Damerel, incidentally, was runner-up in the recent Pasadena Open golf tournament.

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A Summing Up

WHAT MEMBERSHIP IN ONE OF AMERICA'S FINEST, MOST BEAUTIFUL AND MOST COMPLETE FAMILY CLUBS MEANS TO ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

Shadow Mountain Club—the most glamorous spot on the American Desert, embarking on its ninth season, is more popular than ever. The recent enlargement of the bar and cocktail lounge, along with a complete renovation of this million dollar showplace, assures that it will maintain its reputation as the finest "Family Club" in the entire country.

Visitors from all over the world have expressed amazement at finding such an elaborate facility on the Desert. The luxurious Clubhouse overlooking the mammoth figure eight swimming pool and large lake set off with palm trees, the distant mountains forming a background for the beautiful valley below, makes an impression on the visitor that will never be dispelled.

The membership of the Shadow Mountain Club is a cross section of business and social leaders from communities throughout the country. Entire families are considered in the programs arranged for all age groups. Let's take a look at what YOUR club has to offer.

DINING AND DANCING—the finest of food is served in our spacious dining room which boasts the largest of dance floors. A fine orchestra plays Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights until mid December after which a nightly schedule will complete the season.

SOCIAL SCHEDULE—Many outstanding parties are held throughout the year, informal, formal, and costume. Highlights of the formal season are the Shadow Ball held in January and the Luau which ends the season late in May. Coronation Night, every Monday, has developed into one of the most enjoyable events offered by our Club.

RECREATION

FAMILY — Of course all facilities such as Tennis, Swimming and Golf, are always available to the entire family.

FASHION SHOWS—In addition to the regular recreation facilities, fashion shows are staged periodically for the pleasure of all—especially the ladies.

SPORTS SHOWS—Play Days. Sports shows featuring exhibition in all sports activity are an outstanding feature of SMC poolside entertainment. Occasionally Splash Parties and Picnic type game days are planned so that Dad and Mom can playfully compete side by side with their youngsters.

TENNIS—Magda Rurac, famed for her "twinkling" disposition as well as for her fantastic tennis ability, supervises all tennis activities from beginners to more experienced players. In addition to private lessons group play is arranged and a full schedule of round robin, inter-club and pro-amateur tournaments keep the tennis courts filled the year round.

MOM AND DAD—Sometimes Mom and Pop like to get away from the family. SMC recognizes this need and has planned the following adult activities:

Card Parties — Bridge & Canasta Luncheons every week.
Evening Card Paries—for husbands and wives every other week.
Ladies Tennis Clinic
Ladies Slim & Trim Class
Ladies Golf
Mixed Foursome Golf
Men's Judo Class
Archery Club
Ballroom Dance Class—Men and Women
Putting Patio Adjoining Bar—Sunday afternoon putting tournaments

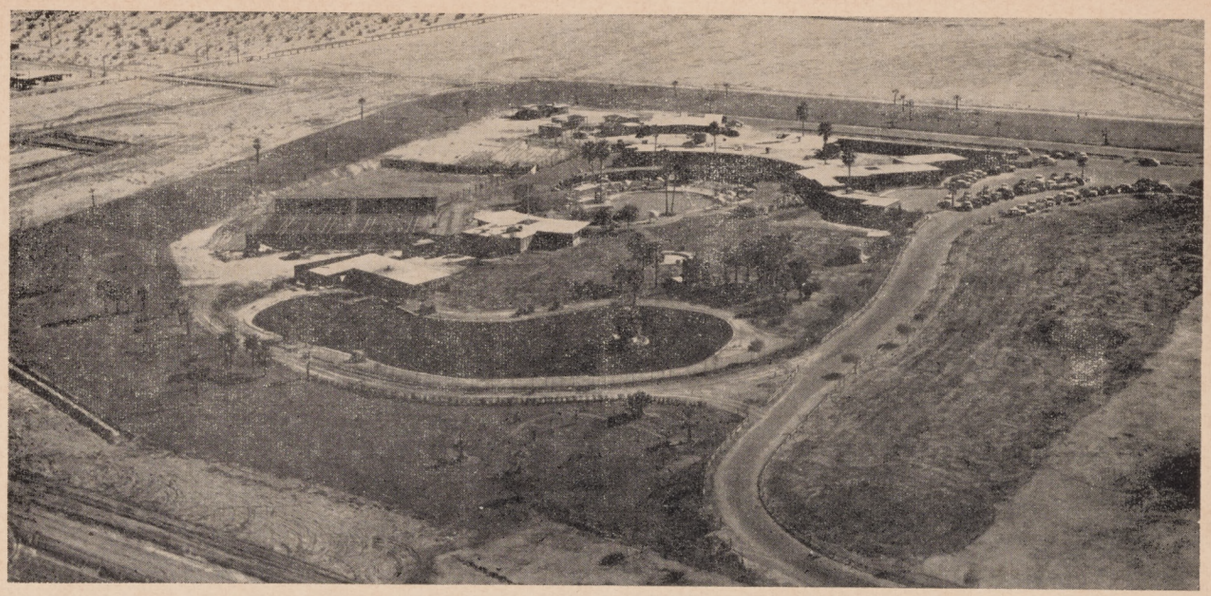
GOLF — Completely encircling the club, Shadow Mountain's approach and putt course stretches more than 1100 yards in its nine holes and boasts beautiful fairways and silken smooth bent grass greens that will compare favorably with any country club in the desert area. There is no greens fee for club members but a modest charge is made for guests. Bobby Pinnell, the golf pro, has had a long and distinguished career as a golf professional and during the summer is pro at the Lower Valley Country Club in Sunnyside, Washington. Bob and his wife Millie run the golf shop and driving range located near the first tee.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

A limited increase in membership has been approved by the Board of Directors. You can help us reach this goal by submitting names of friends and acquaintances whom you feel will be interested in becoming members of our Shadow Mountain Club. They will appreciate the opportunity of sharing in the many activities scheduled for the 1956-57 season.

CLUB HOURS—The Shadow Mountain Club is open from 9 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily except Tuesdays. Each year it is closed the entire month of August for personnel vacations, renovations, repairs etc.

ACCOMMODATIONS—No overnight accommodations are available on the Shadow Mountain Club grounds. There are, however, thirty-two hotels and lodges in the immediate vicinity ranging from moderate to luxurious, the majority having their own swimming pools in addition to other recreational facilities. Further information concerning hotels will be supplied by the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce upon request.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AGE GROUP—SMC believes in an intensive youth program so that individuals are not lost in the shuffle of too many big-mass parties. For this reason we have set up four different groups, segregated on the basis of age and grade.

SHADOWS—Children—4 to 7 years. Meets every Saturday from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Consists of games, crafts, dramatics, parties & luncheon for 75c.

TRI-Ds—Children—8 to 10 years—Includes 3rd, 4th & 5th grades. Meets every other Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner at $1.25. On alternate Saturdays the group enjoys treks to the mountains, fishing, etc. A self-governing group which plans for itself.

PRE-TEENS—Young folks 11 to 13 years or 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Meets every other Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner at $1.25. Self-governing group.

TEEN-AGERS—High School folks. This group has Snack Bar dances, formal parties, and desert trips. Self governing-organization.

HOLIDAY PARTIES—Along with the regular weekly activities planned by the youngsters. The Club stages big holiday parties at Hallowe'en, Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, etc. Real exciting for the youngsters—fun for the grown-ups too.

WATER SHOWS — Throughout the season the younger set of SMC presents many water shows. The big spectacular is staged towards the end of the winter season.

KIDDIELAND—In addition to the supervised program for children, a delightful fenced-in play area called Kiddieland is available for the tiny tots. Equipment includes a sand pile, teeter-totter, coloring books and toys.

PROGRAM—Lou Kuehner, Program Director, Coordinates and publicizes all programs and activities at the Club, whether they be for youngsters or oldsters. He is always on hand to help you plan any of your special functions at the Club.

SWIMMING—Miss Betty Crockett, charming poolside hostess, is available to assist in all aquatic endeavors. She is an accredited Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, and has many years of A.A.U. competitive swimming under her belt. In addition to teaching swimming, life-saving and water ballet, Betty also assists with all youth activity at the Club.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS—SMC is cognizant of the fact that all children do not like to nor **need** to belong to an age group, therefore, we have many special interest groups for those individuals wishing to better skills. Some of these include swimming, life-saving, water ballet, tennis, tumbling, judo and archery.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Classification	Age Group	*Initiation Fee	*Annual Dues
Regular (Resident	All Ages	$120.00	$180.00
Regular (Non-Resident)	All Ages	120.00	144.00
Out-of-State	All Ages	60.00	72.00
†Junior	21-25 incl.	60.00	36.00
‡Introductory	All Ages	30.00	none
§Summer	All Ages	60.00	none

*—All figures include Federal Excise Tax of 20%

†—For unmarried Sons and Daughters of Members only

‡—Good only once for eight consecutive days

§—Summer memberships cover period from June 1 to October 1 inclusive. credit given on initiation fee if converted to regular membership within one year.

NOTE: Dues payable in full October 1 each year or 1/6 each month October 1 to March 1 at member's option.

Membership in Shadow Mountain Club is by invitation only

MEET THE STAFF—Working many, many, hours each week both in front of and behind the scenes to keep Shadow Mountain Club functioning in an efficient manner, this group of key personnel deserves a big hand from all of us. Ladies and Gentlemen may we introduce Bill Nash, Steward, Johnny Cruz, Cocktail Lounge, Lou Kuehner, Program Director, Evelyn Sanders, Membership Secretary, Frank Constant, Maitre 'd, Gertrude Stretch, Club Auditor and Asst. Secy.-Treasurer of Shadow Mountain Park, Inc., Ernest Boudreau, Club Manager, Howard Fowler, Chef, and Ben Montoya, Maintenance Superintendent.

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THE STAFF

Ernest Boudreau	Club Manager
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Lou Kuehner	Program Director
Evelyn Sanders	Membership Secretary
Ruth Steiner & Hazel Kirk	Receptionists
Frank Constant	Maitre d'Hotel
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Howdy Podner! If you'll just slow down a little on that big Highway 111 curve west of Palm Desert and mosey on into the old corral you'll find Lisle and Gy Nixon and all their wranglers and cowpokes busy as bees puttin' everything in apple-pie order for all you "Desert Dudes." You know, they say that you can't appreciate the real beauty of the fabulous Coachella Valley desert unless you take the time to view it in the leisurely fashion afforded only by a perch atop a good horse and we heartily agree after a recent jaunt across the sands astride a gentle hunk of horseflesh that operates under the name of "Old Paint."

Just in case we've got you sold on the idea by now we'll let you in on this season's schedule. To begin with, there's the regular Sunday morning breakfast ride starting from the stables at 8 a.m., and if this is too early for you we suggest you try the Tuesday Lunch Ride that saddles up at the 10 a.m. hour.

In the event you prefer to watch top-flight horsemanship from the ground, look into the Pacific Coast 8-Goal Polo Championship tournament scheduled for November 23, 24, and 25 at the Desert Air Polo Field, and in case you become a Polo fan there will be Polo games every Sunday at Desert Air starting at 1 p.m. for the remainder of the season.

Just so you won't feel like a stranger when you visit the Stables we'll brief you a little on the personnel. Lisle and Gy Nixon, of course, are the owners and operators of this spread, George Witten rents horses and Charles Compton gives jumping lessons.

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Above: Colonel George Townsend at the top of his backswing as he leads a foursome that includes Joe Harding, Harry Donivan, and Claude Wood at the number one tee. Millie Pinnell looks on disapprovingly—too much weight on the left foot George—better see Bob Pinnell for a lesson or two.

Left Above: The Women Golfers go all out on their costume parties. Doesn't take much in the way of deduction to come to the conclusion that these two beauties are participating in the Hallowe'en fairway fun. In this case we recognize the broom but we can't place the face.

CHIPS TO THE PIN

The growing number of golf enthusiasts among Shadow Mountain Club members was never more evident than in the past few weeks. Early returnees among the all-winter residents were greeted with a golf course boasting beautiful fairways and satin smooth greens, the end result of long hours of hard work under the midsummer sun by our talented grounds crew.

As was to be expected the Women's Golf Association of S.M.C. led the way in planned activities starting off with their regular Monday morning tournaments early in September. Hallowe'en provided the opportunity to stage a fun tournament with costumes galore including the traditional Witches and Brooms get-ups that did little to improve their golf game but was good for a multitude of laughs. On the Sunday following the Hallowe'en hilarity, the ladies staged the first in a planned series of Mixed 2-ball foursome tournaments as the teams of Velma Blades, Dr. Seals and June Crux, Art Martineau took top honors from a field of sixteen twosomes. Dorothy Pierson and Verna Farrington turned in a beautiful job of conducting this little tournament.

Following the custom of past years the Women's Golf Association will continue to hold their regular luncheon meeting on the first Monday of each month in the main dining room.

And incidentally, just so we don't leave the impression that the male golfers have forsaken the local fairways, we are happy to report that although no formal men's tournaments have been scheduled as yet, the boys are sharpening their game with regular daily tours of the course plus their late afternoon putting tournaments on the practice green adjacent to the driving range. All the old faithful including J. B. Schutz, Mon Walgren Gil Cornelius, Claude Wood, Fred Stretch, Doc Chambers, Don Hunter, and George Townsend are regular participants in these hotly contested team putting affairs.

While we're on the hook and slice subject we want to be sure that everyone knows that Pro Bobby Pinnell and wife Millie are back at the driving range after a summer spent in the balmy climate of Sunnyside, Washington, where Bob held forth as pro at the Lower Valley Country Club.

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If these Lou Kuehner "Small-Fry Spectaculars" continue to grow we're going to dub him the Cecil B. DeMille of Shadow Mountain Club. These two pix of his recent Hallowe'en production will give you an idea of the huge attendance and all-out costume participation by the little people of S.M.C.

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When Ned Blades says, "Write me a travel article for Sun Spots," do you know what comes to my mind — Europe, of course. I am in a rut after nine summers over there conducting tours!

Nowadays people cry—"I want to get off the beaten path." When they say that I have a cold chill. What is "off the beaten path" these days with so much travel? Generally it is lacking in the comforts we Americans take for granted.

Well, I got that far with my article, when things started to change around the De Varanne household. Mr. De's small outbreaking of rash around his ankles was noticed making a fast advance northward, threatening to overtake, ah, the Mason-Dixon line. Disregarding the nearing dinner hour, we rushed to Doc Pawley whose first question was, "Have you been in Mexico lately?" Now, how did he guess Rene had just returned a week previously. Diagnosis: scabies (rhymes with rabies). Remedy: Scrub, don't just bathe, muy pronto and either boil all clothing worn in the last 10 days or send them to the cleaners. Just to make sure, I "took the cure," too. Then comes the sticky, ill-smelling stuff you dab all over yourself. Phew! The next 20 hours is best spent in isolation as it isn't due to be scrubbed off until then, followed with newly boiled surroundings. Well, we at least feel thoroughly disinfected.

Now you know where I've been all day. Yes, working over a hot stove. Did you ever figure out all that has come in contact with you for the past week — sheets, towels, etc. We should have bought an interest in a dry cleaners.

The hot pot shook my confidence in "Sanforized" or maybe I overdid it. But, good news, girls, nylons can take it. At least they haven't disintegrated yet. Did you ever see a red and white silk dress that has been "perked" or a woolen shirt? Oh, well, they were old anyway. There was the wash tub the trabadores use boiling away in the bunk house for the 8 sheets and many towels and all sorts of containers from the bottom of the roaster to the stew kettle with sox in it perking away in the kitchen. Now tomorrow I can taper off with only a few more clothes ,and towels and that ironing. Oh, yes, then the doctor said, "Watch for a re-occurrence in about a week." No!

All of this came from a little trip "off the beaten path" in Mexico, so let it be a lesson to you. Rene threatens to write the State Department advising they prohibit our citizens from traveling there until it is cleaned up. I don't quite go along with that after the many delightful trips we have had there and a year's residence for Rene. After all, I'd be a bum travel agent to rap that charming country, but that is one place where it is best to adhere to the "beaten path." After all I wasn't the one who went in that swimming pool in Mexico and got cut on the broken tile.

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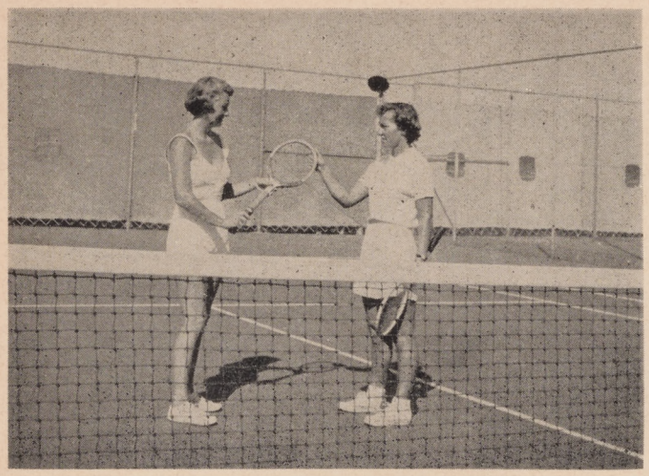

The Old Pros

In the lexicon of the sports writing fraternity, the appelation, "Old Pro" is used as a term of highest praise for those who over the years have proven themselves as durable and outstanding athletes in their chosen field. Such a pair are Shadow Mountain's Magda Rurac, Tennis, and Bobby Pinnell, Golf. In the above picture, Magda, right, gives Kay Malone a briefing on the proper grip. In the other picture, Bob and his wife Millie pause at the driving range for the photographer's shot.

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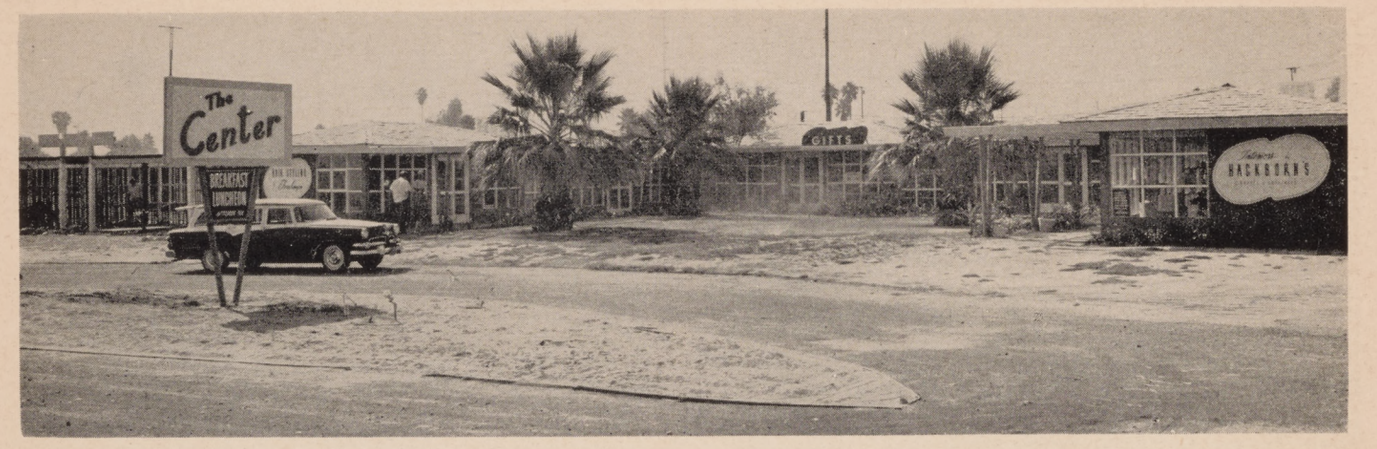

A concentrated example of the phrase, "Growing with Palm Desert," is "The Center" on Highway 111 opposite Andrews new Palm Desert Market Building. Not visible in this picture is the new Bakery addition at the back and the new wing on the left housing the Welcome-White Real Estate Office.

Community Observations

When your editors conceived the idea of reporting community progress as a guide and help to Shadow Mountain Club members and Sun Spots readers, they were of the considered opinion that such a report should appear no oftener than once every two or three months. We did not reckon, however, with the fantastic growth that has evidenced itself in the past few months. Here we are only as far along in the so-called "Season" as the month of November and so many new and interesting community wide developments have taken place that we would indeed be remiss in our reportorial duties if we did not acquaint our followers with changes and additions which might have been overlooked.

Hotels and Lodges in the immediate area now have reached the imposing total of 32 according to Hotel Association President Forrest Bower. And we understand that even this early in the year certain week-ends already have almost taken 100% of the available accommodations. This in the face of completed construction of substantial additions by both Pat and Helen Ritchie's *Desert Patch* and Mrs. Annabelle Goosen's beautiful *Acacia Lodge* on Candlewood Street. Then too, there's the building that proceeds apace at the huge *Firecliff Lodge* where Owen and Mary Ann Hudson are supervising work on a managerial apartment addition.

Don and Elizabeth McNeilly are back from a summer touring all the beauty spots of the European continent and have their *Green Palm Lodge* beautifully appointed and ready for the influx of winter visitors.

Along the highway Elizabeth and Earcel Ostler have opened a shop bearing the *Ostler Decorators* label and featuring wall-paper and paint in such a wide selection that we understand Earcel is wondering if he can move the walls a little to accommodate it all.

In the Real Estate field CLAY STEARNS has moved to his beautiful new office building next door to *Todd's Nursery*. We understand that attorney Richard Marsh will also open offices in the building.

Real Estate Brokers BOB COATES and JOHN MOON are now located in the Mission Bell Motel Building at 73-358 Highway 111.

Last month we called your attention to the new and impressively large building that now houses *Andrews Market,* but we continue to be impressed especially by the frequency with which the parking lot seems to have a capacity turnout. And across the street Alice Parry White's *Center* has added a new wing housing the real estate office of ED WELCOME and FORREST WHITE, and a further addition to accommodate *Michel's Bakery* and *Stephen's Gift Shop*.

Construction of new homes in SHADOW MOUNTAIN PARK has picked up in tempo, the latest to get under way being erected near the George Walling residence by Jack Blair, late of Scottsdale, Arizona. Jack, who incidentally is a former tennis star from U.S.C., will bring his wife and two children to this beautiful desert home from their present residence in Beverly Hills just as soon as it is completed.

In conclusion we want to recommend a three mile trip east of Palm Desert to the beauty spot that is Indian Wells Country Club. President Milt Hicks and his associates have created a golf course of breath-taking beauty out of what just a few short months ago was raw sand, mesquite, and grease wood. Opening play is set for sometime in December according to Milt.

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